



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission
Consistent Standards of Practice Sub-Committee Meeting**

February 23, 2006
8:30 am – 10:00 am
Department of Health
310 SE Israel Rd – Tumwater Washington
Point Plaza East Room 131

Meeting Minutes

Sub-Committee Members:

Karen Brewer, Public Member; Lorrie A Hodges, LPN; Robert Salas, RN; Rhonda Taylor, MSN (Co-chair); and Susan Woods, PhD (Chair)

DOH Staff /Guest:

Usrah Claar-Rice, Nursing Education Manager; Chuck Cumiskey, Nursing Practice Manager; and Diana Casler, Secretary

I. Call to order/Roll call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

All members and staff were present.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

II. Approval of minutes from February 2, 2006 meeting

M/S/A – The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Old business

Review status of existing issue, state the outcome, and/or assign any further action item.

- a. Review of background documents
 - *NCQAC – 10 most frequently reported complaints;*
 - *NCSBN, 2001 data – tasks & educational preparation;*
 - *California BRN – discipline within 5 years of initial licensure data;*
 - *Evidence-Based Nursing module; and*
 - *Standards of Practice: Diabetes Educators.*

The members discussed the background documents and how they relate to the current practice environment. They discussed the educational preparedness of newly licensed RNs in a basic practice setting and the need to obtain a greater understanding of how this affects public safety issues. It was agreed that a survey was the most effective approach to explore these standards of practice issues. A survey would include: How do the nurses measure their standards of practice; do they know what the laws are; and what professional standards do they use when practicing.

b. Draft Documents

- Draft strategic plan: March 2006 – June 2007

The members clarified objectives and established tentative timelines.

- Co-chair position description

M/S/A Co-chair position description was approved as presented.

Next meeting

March 30, 2006 9:00am – 10:30am

Assignments for next meeting:

Susan -will contact Pat Benner to obtain guidance on what should go into the survey.

Rhonda/Karen – gather information regarding companies/methods to conduct the survey (including mail and on-line options).

Staff - will update the strategic plan and email the members for comments. Gather information regarding Evidence Based Guidelines, hospital nursing service sanction data, and using “critical pathways” for establishing standards of nursing practice.

Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:07 am.